

# Growth Principles for Sustaining a Livable Region

The fundamental goal of the Growth Visioning effort is to make the SCAG region a better place to live, work and play for all residents regardless of race, ethnicity or income class. Thus, decisions regarding growth, transportation, land use, and economic development should be made to promote and **sustain** for future generations the region's **mobility**, **livability** and **prosperity**. The following "Regional Growth Principles" are proposed to provide a framework for local and regional decision making **that improves the quality of life for all SCAG residents**. Each principle is followed by a specific set of strategies intended to achieve this goal.

## Principle 1 - Improve **Mobility** for All Residents

- ▶ Encourage Transportation Investments and Land Use Decisions that Are Mutually Supportive
- ▶ Locate New Housing Near Existing Jobs and New Jobs Near Existing Housing
- ▶ Encourage Transit-Oriented Development
- ▶ Promote a Variety of Travel Choices

## Principle 2 - Foster **Livability** in All Communities

- ▶ Promote In-Fill Development and Redevelopment to Revitalize Existing Communities
- ▶ Promote Developments which Provide a Mix of Uses
- ▶ Promote "People-Scaled," Walkable Communities
- ▶ Support the Preservation of Stable, Single-Family Neighborhoods

## Principle 3 - Enable **Prosperity** for All People

- ▶ Provide, in Each Community, a Variety of Housing Types to Meet the Housing Needs of All Income Levels
- ▶ Support Educational Opportunities that Promote Balanced Growth
- ▶ Ensure Environmental Justice Regardless of Race, Ethnicity or Income Class
- ▶ Support Local and State Fiscal Policies that Encourage Balanced Growth
- ▶ Encourage Civic Engagement

## Principle 4 - Promote **Sustainability** for Future Generations

- ▶ Preserve Rural, Agricultural, Recreational and Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- ▶ Focus Development in Urban Centers and Existing Cities
- ▶ Develop Strategies to Accommodate Growth that Use Resources Efficiently, Eliminate Pollution and Significantly Reduce Waste
- ▶ Utilize "Green" Development Techniques



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